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## Garnett Bridge construction to begin soon

SAN BERNARDINO- This morning, the Board of Supervisors approved an award contract for the construction of the Garnett Street Bridge on Mill Creek in Mentone.

The Board had previously given direction to the Director of Public Works to advertise bids for the bridge project. The award contract has been granted to KEC Engineering (KEC) of Corona in the amount of \$4,053,725.50.

The project consists of removing the existing steel truss bridge and constructing a new bridge on a two span, cast-in-place, pre-stressed concrete box girder superstructure, including new abutments, a pier wall support, and spread footing. It will also include roadway reconstruction north and south of the bridge, partially grouted stone rip rap on side slopes, installing falsework, constructing a temporary non-asphalt detour road, and constructing both temporary and permanent waterlines. All work for the project will be done within the existing right-of-way and no additional right-of-way will need to be acquired.

Chairman James Ramos commented, "This project is in alignment with the county's goal to provide for the safety, health, and social service needs of county residents by giving a necessary upgrade to a bridge that does not effectively meet the needs of today's traffic flow. The new bridge will adequately accommodate the needs of area drivers for many years to come."

The construction is anticipated to commence at the beginning of July 2016 and is expected to be completed by the end of November 2016.

More information on this item can be found in the June 28, 2016 Board agenda at <a href="http://cobsire.sbcounty.gov/sirepub/">http://cobsire.sbcounty.gov/sirepub/</a>.